



## Credential Tip Sheet: Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT)

Career Cluster: Health Science

CIP Code: 51.0000

CIP Program Name: Health Sciences/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General

Credentialing Agency: National Healthcareers Association (NHA)

Industry-recognized credential: Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT)

### What are the content areas covered by the credential?

The Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT) credential covers the following content: safety and compliance, routine blood collections, special collections, processing, and fundamental core knowledge for a CPT technician. Teachers can view an outline of the topic areas, as well as, task and/or knowledge statements that may be covered on the CPT Certification Examination by using this link to the [CPT Test Plan](#).



### Credential Qualifications or Pre-requisites

To be eligible to take the CPT certification exam, the student must possess a high school diploma or GED/high school equivalency and have completed a recognized education/training program aligned to the standards outlined by NHA. Additionally, each candidate for the CPT certification must be able to provide evidence that he/she has successfully performed a minimum of thirty (30) venipunctures and ten (10) capillary sticks on live individuals.

### Exam Information

The CPT certification exam has 100 questions, a two-hour time limit, and is offered either at the local school, a PSI testing center or through live remote proctoring at the location of the student's choice. Unofficial exam results are presented on the screen immediately following the post-exam survey. For online exams, NHA will officially post the certification results page within two days of scoring the test. If a student does not pass the exam after the first or second attempt, they must wait 30 days before being able to retake the exam. If they do not pass after the third attempt, they must wait 12 months between attempts. Candidates who achieve a passing score will receive a formal certificate and wallet card via US mail within approximately 7 to 10 business days from the date the exam was scored. All NHA certification programs are accredited by The National Commission for Certifying Agencies ("NCCA"). The [Candidate Handbook](#) includes specifics about CPT and all NHA certifications. Additional information can be found on the [NHA home page](#).

## Who is eligible for the credential?

Student concentrators in state-approved CTE programs who have completed at least two Perkins Course Competencies (PCC) with a 2.0 or better and have completed the qualifications and instruction required by the credentialing body may take the credential exam.

A PCC is a specific set of related CTE competencies based on standards from one CIP code that are grouped together. For Perkins V reporting, standardized courses will be termed "PCCs." (Source: [Perkins V FINAL Definitions: Course, Participant, Concentrator, Completer](#) memo)

Credentials earned may be recorded for students in the Career and Technical Education Information System (CTEIS) through August 31<sup>st</sup> of the student's graduation year. Step-by-step instructions on how to enter credentials in CTEIS can be found here: [Manage Credentials Guide](#).



## Contact Information

### Credential and Testing Information

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